



EPA and NOAA propose disapproval of Oregon's coastal area pollution program

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To: "joelle.gore@noaa.gov" <joelle.gore@noaa.gov>

Dear Joelle Gore,

I am writing in response to your proposed disapproval of Oregon's coastal area pollution program. This does not make little sense considering the fact that Oregon has addressed nearly every issue raised by your agency and that Oregon's water quality and habitats have been improving steadily for the past 15 years. EPA and NOAA's proposal not only threatens more-effective pollution reduction methods for Oregon, but also jeopardizes approximately \$4 million per year in federal funding for dozens of local watershed improvement projects that depend on this funding. I implore you to consider whether Oregon's program is actually succeeding rather than applying a legalistic approach to consider whether to approve or disapprove the Oregon's Plan. I am a concerned citizen of Oregon with a scientific background in chemistry and biology and I am very much concerned about our environment and ecology of our watersheds and coastal areas. I grew up along the Oregon coast and have seen firsthand the improvements that have been made over the years.

Sincerely,

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